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CLARIFICATION ON NEWS REPORTS RELATED TO HIGH-SPEED TRAIN OPERATIONS IN CENTRAL VALLEY

Statement from Carrie Pourvahidi
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“Some news reports Tuesday suggested the state's first completed high-speed train segment would connect Bakersfield and Merced. No decision has been made on which section of the backbone link between Anaheim/Los Angeles and San Francisco will be the first to become operational. Current plans anticipate that a test track may be built on a flat stretch in the Central Valley somewhere between Bakersfield and Merced.

“The California High Speed Rail Authority has begun project-level environmental review in eight sections of the 800-mile statewide system, including the Central Valley. This is among a number of important steps that must be completed before a decision is made on which sections will become operational and in what order.”

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